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Greensboro Chamber of Commerce Announces Two Staff Additions

GREENSBORO, NC (April 29, 2009) – The Greensboro Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome two new staff members— Terry Jones and Stephanie Ashton to the Chamber team.

Terry Jones will be the new Vice President of Member Services. Jones will be responsible for administering all areas of membership service, retention/recruitment of members as well as oversight/implementation of a variety of projects and events to help member businesses and the community succeed. Jones has served in a variety of professional capacities in the financial industry as a mortgage loan officer most recently with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, but also for Wachovia Mortgage and South Trust Mortgage Corporation. Jones also worked for Cone Mills Corporation for seven years in systems and business process improvements. Jones received a Bachelor of Arts in Politics from Wake Forest University.

Stephanie Ashton will be joining the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce staff as the Manager of Entrepreneurism and Small Business Activities. Ashton comes from the Chamber's sister organization, the Greensboro Economic Development Alliance (GEDA), which is also a member of the Greensboro Partnership. Ashton served as the Manager of Cluster Development and Retention Services for GEDA since 2008. Ashton will be managing the day-to-day activities of the small business department at the Chamber and will be working to establish the new entrepreneurship initiative, recently announced by the Greensboro Chamber. Ashton is a 2006 graduate of the Masters of Public Administration program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH). She was previously employed as a Research Associate at the Taskforce for a Healthier North Carolina through UNC-CH.

"Both candidates bring a lot of excitement to their respective positions," commented Chamber President, Rob Clapper. "We are thrilled to see how their skills and experiences will help the Chamber move to the next level of excellence."

The Chamber of Commerce is Greensboro's premiere business association, working to build a strong economy one business at a time through unique educational programs, leadership training, and opportunities to network with key business leaders. The Chamber is a member of the Greensboro Partnership, united with Greensboro Economic Development Alliance and Action Greensboro to create a growing economy and vibrant quality of life.

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